Statement

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No. of districts covered	No. of households issued job cards	No. of households demanded employment	No. of households provided employment	Persondays of employment generated (in Lakhs)	Total Expenditure incurred (Rs. in lakhs)
5	795600	548532	545185	222.01	24829.67

Status of implementation of NREGA in Karnataka in 2007-08 (up to January, 2008)

No. of districts covered	No. of households issued job cards	No. of households demanded employment	No. of households provided employment	Persondays of employment generated (in Lakhs)	Total Expenditure incurred (Rs. in lakhs)
11	1458167	372420	372174	158.87	19608

Old age pension to the BPL senior citizens

†742. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:
DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to provide old age pension to the BPL senior citizens aged 65 or above;

(b) if so, the details of the amount to be provided with other conditions;

(c) whether such senior citizens are required to be the destitute; and

(d) if so, the criteria for such destitution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Rs. 200 per month per benficiary will be provided to by way of Central Assistance under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) to a person who is 65 years or higher and belonging to a households below the poverty line according to the criteria prescribed by the Government of India.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Implementing NREG Scheme in plantation areas of Kerala

743. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHVAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether sanction will be given to implement NREG Scheme in plantation areas of

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Kerala where many are registered under NREGS and chances of creation of community assets under Panchayat land are scare;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for the same; and

(d) the alternate steps taken to provide jobs within five kilometers for families that are registered in Panchayats located in plantation areas of Kerala under the above scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (d) In accordance with NREG Act it is for the Gram Sabha and the Ward Sabhas to recommend work to Gram Panchayat for identification of the projects in the Gram Panchayat area to be taken up under NREGS. The works to be taken up have to be from the list of permissible activities as laid down in Section I of Schedule I of NREG Act. Workers living in plantation areas and possessing job cards under NREGA are eligible to get employment on NREG works. In case a worker is provided employment out side a radius of 5 kilometers, he is entitled for 10% extra wages under the existing provisions of the Act. Draught proofing (including Afforestation and tree plantation) is a permissible activity under NREGA. Similarly, horticulture plantation on land owned by households belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes or to Below Poverty Line Families or to beneficiaries of land reforms or to the beneficiaries under the Indira Awas Yojana of the Government of India is also a permissible activity under NREGA.

Institution of awards for civil society organisations

744. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to institute awards for civil society organizations (NGOs) for ensuring effective implementation of the NREG Scheme;

(b) whether the award will be separate of panchayat, district and State levels; and

(c) the number of rural households and districts covered under NREGS till December, 2007?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

(c) Till December, 2007, 330 districts are covered under NREGS. It is a demand driven programme. All households in the rural areas of these 330 districts are entitled to get themselves registered under the Act on demand. Up to December, 2007, 27556430 households had demanded employment out of which 27296363 households had been provided employment.